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SUBJECT: MAKARIOS CONVERSATION WITH CLARK CLIFFORD

1. CLARK CLIFFORD TELEPHONED LONDON JUNE 15 AND HAD LONG, FRIENDLY CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT MAKARIOS.
2. FIRST PART OF CONVERSATION WAS TAKEN UP WITH DISCUSSION OF MAKARIOS' HEALTH. THE ARCHBISHOP SAID HE FELT COMPLETELY RECOVERED FROM HIS HEART ATTACK. HE HAD BEEN EXAMINED BY MORE THAN ONE DOCTOR, AND HAD BEEN TOLD THAT HIS HEART WAS SOUND AND WORKING EFFECTIVELY AND THAT HE NEED FEEL NO FURTHER CONCERN. MAKARIOS SAID HE WAS FORTUNATE THAT HIS ATTACK HAD BEEN A MILD ONE.

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3. CLIFFORD THANKED MAKARIOS FOR ALL HE HAD DONE TO ASSURE THAT A GREEK TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL, WHICH CONFIRMED THEIR PRIOR PERSONAL AGREEMENT, HAD BEEN PRESENTED AT THE VIENNA INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN APRIL. CLIFFORD SUGGESTED THAT THE TURKISH CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL HAD BEEN LESS VALUABLE, BUT THAT THIS MAY HAVE RESULTED FROM A PRE-OCCUPATION WITH THE FORTHCOMING TURKISH NATIONAL ELECTIONS.

MAKARIOS EVIDENCED SOME UNDERSTANDING OF THIS, AND HE AND CLIFFORD AGREED THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO WAIT A BIT LONGER UNTIL A NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT WAS SETTLED IN OFFICE BEFORE

DECIDING HOW NEXT TO PROCEED ON CYPRUS.

4. CLIFFORD TOLD MAKARIOS HE HAD SPOKEN TO PRESIDENT CARTER THAT MORNING, AND THAT THE PRESIDENT CONTINUED TO BE DEEPLY INTERESTED IN THE SITUATION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. CLIFFORD ADDED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER THOUGHT IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR THE CLIFFORD TEAM, AFTER ALLOWING SOME PERIOD OF TIME TO PASS, TO RETURN TO THE AREA.

5. MAKARIOS REPLIED THAT CLIFFORD WAS WELCOME AT ANY TIME IN CYPRUS. HIS PREVIOUS VISIT HAD BEEN VERY USEFUL, AND MAKARIOS INDICATED HE INTENDED TO COOPERATE IN FURTHER EFFORTS TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO THE COMPLEX CYPRUS PROBLEMS.

6. CLIFFORD SUGGESTED THAT DEVELOPMENTS WOULD DETERMINE THE TIME OF HIS NEXT VISIT, AND THAT HE WOULD REMAIN IN TOUCH TO SET A TIME CONVENIENT TO THE ARCHBISHOP. MAKARIOS SAID HE WOULD NOT BE TRAVELING MUCH, AND THAT CLIFFORD WAS WELCOME WHENEVER HE WANTED TO COME. MAKARIOS THANKED CLIFFORD FOR CALLING, AND ENDED THE CONVERSATION BY STRESSING THAT THE CONTINUING INTEREST OF THE U.S. IN CONFIDENTIAL

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